



EXPEDITED RULE MAKING

CR-105 (June 2004)
(Implements RCW 34.05.353)
EXPEDITED RULE MAKING ONLY

Agency: Department of Labor and Industries

Title of rule and other identifying information: (Describe Subject) **Hospital Payment Policy Rules**

Industrial Insurance, WAC 296-23A-0200, How does the department pay for hospital inpatient services?; WAC 296-23A-0220, How does the department pay for hospital outpatient services?; WAC 296-23A-0221, How does the self-insurer pay for hospital outpatient services?; WAC 296-23A-0240, How does the department define and pay a new hospital?; WAC 296-23A-0480, Which hospitals does the department exclude from diagnosis-related-group (DRG) payments?; WAC 296-23A-0710, Definitions; WAC 296-23A-0750 What exclusions and exceptions apply to ambulatory-payment-classification (APC) payments for hospital services?

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Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:

Hospital "peer groups" were defined by the Department of Health (DOH), however, on July 1, 2005, DOH abolished the use of "peer groups." This rulemaking will amend L&I's rules which refer to "peer groups" in selected hospital WACs.

Reasons supporting proposal: see purpose above

Statutory authority for adoption: RCW 51.04.030

Statute being implemented: RCW 51.12.330

Is rule necessary because of a:

Federal Law?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Federal Court Decision?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
State Court Decision?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

If yes, CITATION:

DATE

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